

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES
744 P Street, Sacramento, CA 95814

October 11, 1994

ALL COUNTY INFORMATION NOTICE NO. I-39-94

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS

- | | |
|-------------------------------------|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | State Law Change |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Federal Law or Regulation Change |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Court Order or Settlement Agreement |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Clarification requested by One or More Counties |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Initiated by CDSS |

SUBJECT: STATE LEGALIZATION IMPACT ASSISTANCE GRANT (SLIAG) PROGRAM CLOSEOUT

The purpose of this letter is to advise counties that June 30, 1994 was the cutoff date recipient costs could be charged to the SLIAG program, as well as to advise counties that October 31, 1994 is the last date that the California Department of Social Services will accept claims for SLIAG costs incurred in fiscal year (FY) 1993-94. Fiscal claiming instructions and statistical reporting instructions will be forthcoming under separate cover letters. All claims will be paid subject to the availability of these funds anticipated in March 1995.

The SLIAG reimbursable costs associated with the caseload of "eligible legalized aliens" (ELAs) will be far less than in FY 1992-93 because of a statutory five-year limit which has progressively terminated the ELA status of former eligibles. In California, FY 1992-93 included only 53.7 percent of the number of FY 1991-92 ELA eligible-months (or case-months) because many ELAs reached their expiration dates (which are five years after their effective or application dates for legal residency status). Virtually all participants lost their ELA status before November 1993. Consequently, California's FY 1993-94 ELA case-months should total only about 7.6 percent of the total FY 1992-93 ELA case-months.

Since ELA case-months are closely associated with SLIAG reimbursable program costs, it is expected that claimed FY 1993-94 SLIAG program costs in most counties should be less than 10 percent of the SLIAG program costs claimed for FY 1992-93. If there have been grant reductions in FY 1993-94, eligible case-months, associated case-months and associated costs could be closer to seven percent statewide.

Because of this substantial decline in SLIAG eligibility, we request that all counties promptly complete a SLIAG caseload review to remove any time expired former ELAs from claims and make corresponding reductions in claimed costs. Documentation should be submitted with any FY 1993-94 claims by October 30 if the program costs are reportedly more than 20 percent of comparable FY 1992-93 claims.

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact Mr. Bruce Kennedy, Chief, Refugee Programs Bureau, at (916) 654-6379.

Sincerely,

MICHAEL C. GENEST

Deputy Director
Welfare Programs Division